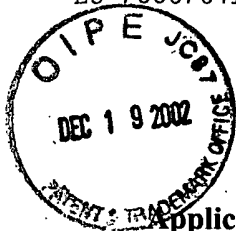


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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S ACTION DATED JUNE 19, 2002

Sir:

REMARKS

Claim 3 has been rejected as unpatentable over Stover, claim 4 has been rejected as unpatentable over Stover in view of Groeller, claim 5 has been rejected further in view of Roney, and claims 6-8 have been rejected as unpatentable over newly cited Kelley. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following comments.

With respect to claim 3, the examiner states: "Stover teaches a device for a first relatively tall commercial vehicle for signaling a plurality of other vehicles of much lesser height following therebehind having - -."

Stover, in the only figure showing a vehicle (FIG. 1) shows a topless roadster of 1916 vintage with the steering wheel shown. The device at issue is well below the steering wheel and obviously three feet or less from the ground since it is clearly at about the floor of the vehicle. It defies logic to call the Stover vehicle a "first relatively tall commercial vehicle"!

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